

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (*Canceled*)

Claim 9. (*New*) A foldable stand for musical instruments, comprising:

    a first inverted U-shaped member defining an upper portion, a middle portion, and a lower portion;

        said upper portion including a cross bar member;

        said middle portion having a pair of legs extending parallelly from said cross bar member of said upper portion;

        said lower portion having a pair of feet, each foot extending linearly from one of said legs;

    a second inverted U-shaped member defining an upper portion, a middle portion, and a lower portion;

        said upper portion having a cross bar member;

        said middle portion having a pair of legs extending parallelly from said cross bar member of said upper portion;

        said lower portion having a pair of feet, each foot extending linearly from each one of said legs, and each said foot has a perpendicularly extending end piece;

a pair of pivotal connectors, said pivotal connectors connecting said first and said second inverted U-shaped member;

each one of said pivotal connectors forming a pivot between each said middle portion and said lower portion of said first and said second U-shaped members; and

a pair of lockable hinges, each one of said hinges includes a first end, a second end and a central pivot;

said first end of each hinge is connected to said first U-shaped member at a point between said upper portion and said middle portion; and

said second end of each hinge is connected to said second U-shaped member at a point between said upper portion and said middle portion;

wherein said central pivot allows said first and second hinges are in a folded position, and said first and said second U-shaped members to fold flat, such that said first U-shaped member circumscribes said second U-shaped member;

whereby when said hinges are in a locked position, said feet of said first U-shaped member, and said upper portion of said second U-shaped member rest on a support surface, said upper portion of said first U-shaped member, and said feet and perpendicularly extending end pieces of said second U-shaped member form a cradle to support a musical instrument.

Claim 10. (New) The foldable stand according to claim 9, wherein said lower portion of said second inverted U-shaped member is provided with a cushioning coating.

Claim 11. (*New*) The stand according to claim 9, wherein said feet of said lower portion of said first inverted U-shaped member are provided with a protective coating.

Claim 12. (*New*) The stand according to claim 9, wherein each of said upper portion and said middle portions of said first inverted U-shaped member is provided a cushioning coating.

Claim 13. (*New*) A foldable stand for musical instruments, comprising:

    a first U-shaped member having a first leg and a second leg, said first leg and said second leg including a linearly extending end portion;

    a second U-shaped member having a first leg and a second leg, said first leg and said second leg including a perpendicularly extending end portion;

    a first connector and a second connector;

    said first connector pivotally connecting said first leg of said first U-shaped member and said first leg of said second U-shaped member at a point adjacent said end portions;

    said second connector pivotally connecting said second leg of said first U-shaped member and said second leg of said second U-shaped member at a point adjacent said end portions; and

    a first hinge and a second hinge, each said first hinge and said second hinge movable between a folded position and an unfolded position;

    said first hinge connected to said first leg of said first U-shaped member at a point opposite said end portion;

said first hinge connected to said first leg of said second U-shaped member at a point opposite said end portion;

    wherein said first connector is between said first hinge connections and said end portions;

    said second hinge connected to said second leg of said first U-shaped member at a point opposite said end portion;

    said second hinge connected to said second leg of said second U-shaped member at a point opposite said end portion;

    wherein said second connector is between said second hinge connections and said end portions;

    whereby when said first and second hinges are in the folded position, and said first and said second U-shaped members are flatly disposed, such that said first U-shaped member circumscribes said second U-shaped member; and

    whereby when said first and second hinges are in the unfolded position, said linearly extending end portions of said first U-shaped member rest on a support surface, said perpendicularly extending end portions of said second U-shaped member form a cradle adapted to support a musical instrument.

Claim 14. (New) The foldable stand according to claim 13, wherein said first and second U-shaped members have a cushioning coating.